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				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE03/00763		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 5 March 2003		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 6 March 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION ELECTRODE ELEMENT FOR PLASMA TORCHES AND A METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SAME					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Volker Krink, Frank Laurisch, Wolfram Mohler, Gerd Lotze and Helmut Lohl					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
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and including: Postcard; Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (PTO Form 1390); a copy of the English translation of International Application No. PCT/DE03/00763; a red-lined specification; and a Substitute Specification; an unsigned Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; a Preliminary Amendment; an Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 and copies of required references cited; and an Application Data Sheet.

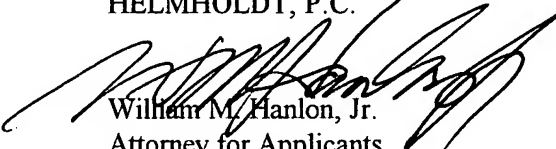
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